

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William J. Tsumpes )  
Serial No: ) ART UNIT: 2643  
Filed : ) Examiner:  
For : AUTOMATED PARALLEL AND REDUNDANT SUBSCRIBER)  
CONTACT AND EVENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM)

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

August 26, 2002

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This is an amendment to the CONTINUATION application submitted herewith and is accompanied by a Certificate Of Mailing. Please amend the application submitted herewith as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the first sentence beneath the heading CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION, and substitute:

--This is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 09/617,872, filed July 17, 2000, and priority thereof is claimed--.

In the Drawings:

Please substitute the attached 4 sheets of formal drawings for original informal drawings.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-24 of the claims as originally submitted.

Please add the following new claims numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application: